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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Fabry, Christian, et al.**

Application No.: **09/830,527** ✓ Group No.: **1651** ✓

Filed: **April 26, 2001** ✓ Examiner: **Afremova, Vera** ✓

For: **MICROBIAL ACTIVATION OF LAYER SILICATES**

Confirmation No. 9706

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

**WARNING:** Failure to file a complete response in compliance with § 1.135(c) leads to a reduction in patent term adjustment — See § 1.704(c)(7).

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

- ☐ a small entity. A statement:  
☐ is attached.  
☐ was already filed.

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Date: March 26, 2004

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☐ other than a small entity.

#### EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b) ". . . an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has no effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph."

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 740.00

Fee: \$\_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$\_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this is a conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDIT. RATE FEE	ADDIT. RATE FEE
TOTAL * 27	MINUS ** 27	=	x\$9= \$	x\$18= \$
INDEP. * 3	MINUS *** 3	=	x\$43= \$	x\$86= \$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$145= \$	+ \$290= \$
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$	OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

\*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."

\*\*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."

The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

**WARNING:** "After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

## FEE PAYMENT

☐ Attached is a ☐ check ☐ money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ to Credit card as shown on the attached credit card information authorization form PTO-2038.

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☐ Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

A duplicate of this paper is attached.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

**NOTE:** If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked: See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account  
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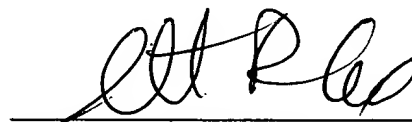
### AND/OR

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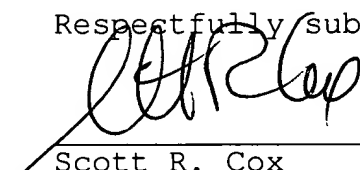
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

This is a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment from the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated March 19, 2004. In that Notice the USPTO stated that a previously filed Amendment filed in response to a Non-Final Office Action on March 8, 2004 was "non-compliant" because a complete listing of all the claims was not present in the Amendment. Attached is a corrected "Amendment to the Claims" section of that Amendment. No other portion of the Amendment is included with this Response as the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment requires that "[o]nly the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted....".

## CONCLUSION

The applicants believe that they have complied with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and have placed the application in condition for review of the previously filed Amendment. Applicants' counsel further asserts that this Response is a *bona fide* attempt to comply with the Notice and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121. If there are any further questions concerning the previously filed Amendment, please contact applicants' counsel at (502) 589-4215.

Respectfully submitted,



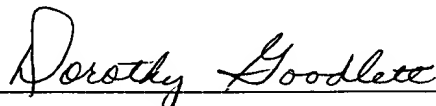
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